How are Christian Science and Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) Similar?

Christian Science	Applied Behavior Analysis
Milieu control: Only authorized literature, and no obnoxious (read: critical, analytical) books	**Milieu control**: Only pro-ABA literature, and no anti-ABA voices
Mystical manipulation: Mary Baker Eddy claimed to be the woman in the book of Revelation	**Mystical manipulation**: Ole Ivar Lovaas is hailed as a "pioneer" of "intervention for" autistic people
Demand for purity: The expectation to unceasingly "demonstrate" one's "Science"	**Demand for purity:** The expectation to keep on passing for neurotypical, forever
Confession: Christian Scientists may ask questions to gather information on victims to use against them	**Confession:** Behavior technicians gather information on their victims ("clients/patients") to use against them
Sacred science:	**Sacred science:**

Christian Science	**Applied Behavior Analysis**
Christian Science is the “primitive, lost healing element of Christianity”	ABA is the “gold standard” of “autistic intervention”
Loading the language: Error, mesmerism, mortal mind, “it’s just matter,” etc., etc., etc.	**Loading the language:** Quiet hands, whole-body listening, “just work harder,” etc., etc., etc.
Doctrine over person: Things (including experiences) that prove Christian Science is bunkum must be suppressed	**Doctrine over person:** Things (including experiences) that can’t be observed/measured must be ignored
Dispensing of existence: Those who reject Christian Science, and/or die under its “treatments,” don’t actually exist! All critics are just bitter, and they need to learn their lessons.	**Dispensing of existence:** Those who don’t accept ABA “intervention” are doomed to suffering, institutionalization, death, etc. All critics must be made to learn their lessons.

Further Reading:

- Christian Science is a Cult, *The Ex-Chrisitan Scientist*, https://exchristianscience.com/2020/10/28/christian-science-is-a-cult/
- Wikipedia entry on *Thought Reform and the Psychology of Totalism* by Robert Jay Lifton, M. D., https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thought_Reform_and_the_Psychology_of_Totalism
- ABA Horror Stories are Far Too Common, *NeuroClastic*, https://neuroclastic.com/aba-horror-stories-are-far-too-common/
- Wikipedia entry on Ole Ivar Lovaas: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ole_Ivar_Lovaas

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